

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application as amended herein is respectfully requested. Claims 1-19 are cancelled, and claims 20-44 are added. Of these, only claims 20 and 25 are independent.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19, under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1-19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. By means of this Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification, cancelled claims 1-19, and added claims 20-44 to further clarify the invention and with consideration of the informalities noted in the Office Action. The claims are now believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

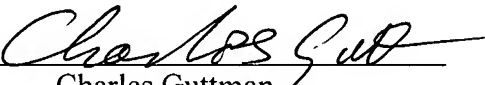
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees resulting from this Amendment from deposit account number 16-2500 of the undersigned.

The undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner contact him at the telephone number indicated below if it would help expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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